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COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	REPORT	
TOPIC	1. Troops and Military Installations in Prague		
	2. Registration of Germans		
EVALUATION		PLACE OF ORIGIN	
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. Prior to early April 1954, the cantonment on the south side of Plzenska tr. in the Borough of Motol in Prague which consisted of single-story brick buildings, quartered troops who wore khaki uniforms and were equipped with guns towed by trucks. Source believed that these guns were 57-mm AT guns. The Motol castle northwest of the installation was occupied by troops of the same unit who were equipped with guns of the same model and were also towed by trucks. Troops practicing on the training grounds near the billets and northwest of the castle included units which came there daily from the direction of the city. Almost every noon, soldiers who carried rifles were observed on the streetcar. <sup>1</sup>
2. Prior to early June 1954, two nurses in the former mental hospital in Bohnice (O 51/L 79) north of Prague said that the installation was a civilian hospital. <sup>2</sup>
3. Prior to June 1954, the military construction administration whose designation was Armastav was located in the so-called Kotva Palace on Revolucni tr. In June 1954, this firm was engaged a large project near the terminal of Streetcar Route No 7 in Prague XIX. The propose of the project was not known.
4. Prior to early June 1954, single-story brick buildings on the east side of Strahovska in the Borough of Mala Strana quartered soldiers who wore khaki uniforms. Some gardens in this area were closed to civilian traffic. The installation included steel trellis towers and searchlights which frequently rotated at night. The troops quartered in the installation were thought to be connected with the units stationed at the Prokopa Holeha Caserne.

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Comment. The occupation by an artillery unit of the castle and the cantonment in Motol was known previously. The unit probably is an AAA unit.

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Comment. It was known previously that the area of the former mental hospital in Bohnice is occupied by numerous AA artillerymen. The area is large enough to be used also for civilian purposes.

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